

# HOUSE BILL No. 1173

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 3-7.

**Synopsis:** Voter registration. Provides that a person who is at least 16 years of age but not more than 18 years of age may register to vote but may not vote until the person will be at least 18 years of age at the next general, municipal, or special election. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to notify an individual who submits a change of address for a driver's license or identification card that the change of address serves as notice of a change of address for voter registration purposes. (Under current law the individual can specify that the address change is not for voter registration purposes.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 12, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-7-13-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. **(a) A person ~~who~~ may, upon**  
3 **making a proper application under this article, register to vote in**  
4 **a precinct, if the person satisfies the following:**  
5 **(1) Except as provided in subsection (b), the person** will be at  
6 least eighteen (18) years of age at the next general, municipal, or  
7 special election.  
8 **(2) The person** is a United States citizen. ~~and~~  
9 **(3) The person** resides in ~~a~~ **the** precinct continuously before a  
10 general, municipal, or special election for at least thirty (30) days.  
11 ~~may, upon making a proper application under this article, register to~~  
12 ~~vote in that precinct.~~  
13 **(b) A person who is at least sixteen (16) years of age but not**  
14 **more than eighteen (18) years of age may register to vote under**  
15 **this article. However, such a person may not vote in an election**



1 **unless the person will be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the**  
 2 **next general, municipal, or special election.**

3 SECTION 2. IC 3-7-14-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
 4 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 5 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 9. (a) An employee of the bureau of motor  
 6 vehicles commission who provides an individual with a driver's license  
 7 or identification card application shall do the following:

8 (1) Inform each individual who applies for a driver's license or an  
 9 identification card that the information the individual provides on  
 10 the individual's application will be used to register the individual  
 11 to vote unless **any of the following applies:**

12 (A) The individual is not eligible to vote. **However, if the**  
 13 **applicant is at least sixteen (16) years of age but not more**  
 14 **than eighteen (18) years of age, the individual may register**  
 15 **to vote if the individual is otherwise eligible to vote.**

16 (B) The individual declines to register to vote or fails to  
 17 complete the voter registration part of the application. ~~or~~

18 (C) The individual answers "no" to either question described  
 19 by IC 3-7-22-5(3) or IC 3-7-22-5(4).

20 (2) Provide each individual who indicates a desire to register or  
 21 transfer registration with assistance in filling out the voter  
 22 registration application if requested to do so by the individual.

23 (3) Check the completed voter registration form for legibility and  
 24 completeness.

25 (4) Inform the individual that the individual will receive a mailing  
 26 from the county voter registration office of the county where the  
 27 individual resides concerning the disposition of the voter  
 28 registration application.

29 (5) Inform each individual who submits a change of address for  
 30 a driver's license or identification card that the information serves  
 31 as notice of a change of address for voter registration. ~~unless the~~  
 32 ~~applicant states in writing on the form that the change of address~~  
 33 ~~is not for voter registration purposes.~~

34 (b) The bureau of motor vehicles commission shall transmit a voter  
 35 registration form to the election division for transmittal to the  
 36 appropriate county voter registration office in accordance with  
 37 IC 3-7-26.3.

38 SECTION 3. IC 3-7-14-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
 39 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 40 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 14. ~~Except as provided in section 15 of this~~  
 41 ~~chapter,~~ An application under section 4 of this chapter authorizes a  
 42 county voter registration office to update the voter registration record



1 of the applicant:

2 (1) under 42 U.S.C. 1973gg-3(a)(2) unless the applicant fails to  
3 sign the voter registration application; or

4 (2) in a manner authorized under IC 3-7-26.3.

5 SECTION 4. IC 3-7-14-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 15. ~~As provided in 42~~  
7 ~~U.S.C. 1973gg-3(d)~~; A circuit court clerk or board of registration may  
8 update the address in the voter registration of an applicant ~~unless the~~  
9 ~~applicant indicates on an application to obtain or renew a motor vehicle~~  
10 ~~driver's license (or any other change of address form submitted to the~~  
11 ~~clerk or board by the bureau of motor vehicles commission) that the~~  
12 ~~change of address of the applicant is not for voter registration purposes.~~  
13 **as provided in section 14 of this chapter.**

